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APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 844 on page 56]

A.(a) and (b)—Fuel trees have been raised during the Second Five-year Plan period under two schemes, viz., the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests and the scheme for casuarina plantations. During the Second Five-Year Plan period, about 58,840 acres have been planted with fuel trees under the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests. About 3,265 acres have been planted with casuarina under the scheme for casuarina plantations during the Second Five-Year Plan period.

2. During the Third Five-Year Plan period, an area of 57,000 acres will be planted under the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests and another area of 3,000 acres will be planted with casuarina under the scheme for casuarina plantations. Out of this, during 1961–62 an area of 9,084 acres has been planted under the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests and another area of 735 acres has been planted under the scheme for casuarina plantations. During 1962–63, fuel trees will be raised over 8,680 acres under the scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests and casuarina plantations will be raised over 717 acres under the scheme for casuarina plantations. Fuel trees will also be raised under the scheme for Farm Forestry during the Third Five-Year Plan period.

3. It is also proposed to raise fast growing species for fuel purposes over an area of 1,000 acres in the Chingleput, Cuddalore North, Cuddalore South and Vellore East Forest Divisions during 1962–63 at an estimated cost of Rs. 2·83 lakhs.

APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 847 on page 57]

A scheme for the institution of a Contributory Thrift Fund on a pilot basis for the weavers in the co-operative sector of the handloom industry in the Madras State has been sanctioned in G.O. Ms. No. 3722, Industries, Labour and Co-operation (Industries), dated 24th July 1962. The salient features of the pilot scheme are given below :—

(1) *Coverage of scheme.*—The pilot scheme will cover weavers' co-operative societies and members in these societies selected with reference to the following conditions :—

(a) The society should have completed 5 years of working.
(b) It should have worked at a profit continuously for three years.

(c) The borrowing power of the society should be at least twice its total working capital requirements.

(d) The weaver should have been a member of the society for not less than two years.

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(e) He should have a minimum share capital of Rs. 150 to his credit without any loan outstanding against him as share capital advance. In case the maximum share value of the member is limited to less than Rs. 150 by the by-laws of the society, he will be eligible to join the scheme provided the total of his share capital and thrift fund accumulation (which is already in existence) or recurring deposits collected from his wages comes to Rs. 150 or more.

(f) He should have worked continuously for the society for at least two years and achieved certain minimum norms of production to be prescribed for the purpose.

(g) He should not be a defaulter or in default to the society.

(2) *Contribution.*—For each rupee of wages earned by weavers, the weaver, the concerned Weavers' Co-operative Society and the Government will contribute to the Fund as under :—

			NP.	PER CENT.
Weaver	..	..	6	50
Society	..	..	2	17
Government	..	..	4	33
Total			12	100

(3) *Mechanics of the scheme.*—The weavers' co-operative society will collect the thrift fund from the eligible members by deducting the weavers' contribution from his wages. The collections will be deposited on the first working day of every succeeding month along with the contribution of the society in the Co-operative Central Bank in whose jurisdiction the Society is located. The Government contribution will be sanctioned on receipt and scrutiny of monthly claims of the societies and disbursed to the Co-operative Central Banks which will keep the contributory thrift fund of each society as a separate non-statutory reserve and pay interest on it at the prescribed rates. Interest will be calculated annually and added to the principal amount standing to the credit of each member. Loans and advances from the fund as well as partial or final withdrawal of the accumulations will be sanctioned by the society subject to the rules and model by-laws to be prescribed under the scheme.

(4) *Benefits.*—A member will be entitled to obtain loans and advances out of the fund at times of defined emergencies and for other purposes to be specified in the rules, subject to such limits and at rates of interest and other conditions as may be prescribed in the rules to be framed. The advances and the interest will be recovered from the wages of the members in suitable instalments. A member will also be allowed facilities of partial (non-refundable) withdrawal in exceptional circumstances to be prescribed. Final withdrawal of the full amount standing to the credit of the member will be permitted at the time of his death or total disability of

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permanent migration or on his reaching the prescribed age or after completing a prescribed number of years of membership in the society. Conditions will also be prescribed for forfeiture of the whole or a portion of the contributions made by the Government and the society under certain conditions such as premature resignation or withdrawal from the society, default, misconduct, disloyalty or other reasons to be prescribed.

(5) *Creation of Thrift Fund Reserve.*—Each society participating in the scheme will be required to create and maintain a Contributory Thrift Fund Reserve out of the gross profits at prescribed rates with a view to enable the society to continue its contributions without interruption even if it happens to sustain loss in a particular year.

(6) The scheme will be implemented initially with effect from 1st July 1962 (i.e., the beginning of the Co-operative year) in 101 societies covering about 5,365 members.

3. The Government have sanctioned an expenditure not exceeding Rs. 1,13,000 (rupees one lakh and thirteen thousand only) during 1962-63 towards the disbursement of the Government contribution to the Contributory Thrift Fund of the weavers' co-operative societies under the pilot scheme. The Government have authorised the Director of Handlooms to sanction the Government contributions to the Contributory Thrift Fund of the societies after thorough scrutiny and check of claims of the societies and subject to the rules to be prescribed for the scheme.

APPENDIX VI.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 885 on page 79]

A.—The only lasting solution to the problem of firewood shortage or its prevailing high price is to increase the fuel resources of the State. Accordingly, fuel trees have been raised during the Second Five-Year Plan under two schemes relating to the State Forest Department, viz., the Scheme for afforestation of dry fuel forests and the Scheme for casuarina plantations. The area actually achieved or planted during the Second Five-Year Plan period is 58,840 acres of fuel trees and 3,265 acres of casuarina.

The targets aimed at under the Third Five-Year Plan are 57,000 acres of dry fuel forests and 3,000 acres of casuarina plantations. Out of this, during 1961-62, an area of 9,084 acres of dry fuel forests and 735 acres of casuarina plantations have been achieved. The targets for 1962-63 are 8,680 acres of dry fuel forests and 717 acres of casuarina plantations.